

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An interpolymeric carrier concentrate for an active component comprising (a) a non-volatile oil suspension medium, (b) an oil soluble secondary polymer derived from a C₁ to C₃₀ alkyl acrylate monomer or a mixture of said acrylates formed and physically entrapped in a primary network of (c) a water insoluble, crosslinked polymer ~~selected from the group consisting of a polymer of a vinyl lactam, a vinylamide, an acrylic acid, an alkyl acrylate, an alkyl acrylamide and mixtures thereof derived from vinyl pyrrolidone and acrylic acid monomers, or including an alkyl acrylate and alkyl acrylamide.~~

Claims 2 through 5. (Currently Cancelled)

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) The carrier concentrate of claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of (b) to (c) is between about 10:1 and 1:10.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) The carrier concentrate of claim 6 wherein the weight ratio of (b) to (c) is between about 2:1 and 1:2.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) The carrier concentrate of claim 1 wherein (a) said oil is an organic suspension agent.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) The carrier concentrate of claim 8 wherein said oil is isocetyl stearate.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) The carrier concentrate of claim 1 wherein (c) is crosslinked between about 0.5-5 wt.%.

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Claim 11. (Currently Amended) The carrier concentrate of claim 1 wherein (c) is crosslinked with pentaerithritol triallyl ether.

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) The carrier concentrate of claim 1 which ~~optionally and additionally~~ contains a surfactant and/or a dispersant in an effective distributing amount for the active component.

Claims 13 through 25. (Currently Cancelled)

Claim 26. (Currently Amended) The carrier concentrate ~~carrier~~ of claim 1 wherein an active cosmetic or pharmaceutical component is added to the carrier concentrate in an amount up to about 20 wt.% and said concentrate optionally contains less than 10 wt.% of an ~~actively~~ inert excipient selected from the group consisting of a thickener, a moisturizer, a dispersing agent or a mixture thereof.

Claim 27. (Currently Amended) The carrier concentrate ~~carrier~~ of claim 26 wherein said active component is a sun blocking agent.

Claim 28. (Currently Amended) The carrier concentrate ~~carrier~~ of claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of monomer in polymer (c) A to the monomer in polymer (b) B is between about 1:10 and about 10:1.

Claim 29. (Currently Amended) The carrier concentrate ~~carrier~~ of claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of monomer in polymer (c) A to the monomer in polymer (b) B is between about 1:2 and about 2:1.

Claims 30 through 35. (Currently Cancelled)